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TOWN WARRANT.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditors, School Committee, Assessors and Library Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the ensuing year, and make such appropriations of same.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to License the sale of intoxicating liquors for one year from May 1st, 1888. The vote to be on separate ballots, and to be "Yes" or "No".

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote a sufficient sum of money to build $\frac{1}{4}$ of Millers River bridge and appropriate for same.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to build a school house in district 7, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate six hundred dollars for a higher grade of public school or act thereon.

ART. 9. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the jury list, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote fifty (50) dollars for Decoration Day and appropriate same.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay necessary expenses for the year ensuing, or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will change the day of its annual meeting.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will buy a farm for its poor, or act thereon.

ART. 14. To see how the Town will care for the Highways and Bridges.

ART. 15. To raise such sums of money for the Library and act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will pay B. F. Streeter the sum of ten dollars for damage from Highway, or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will pay a discount on taxes for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will name the streets in village not named, or act thereon.

To the Voters and Citizens of Northfield :

Having deferred the Report of the Selectmen to a later date than has been customary heretofore and by a vote of the town, we have been enabled to give a true and correct account of the liabilities of the town which you will find in the financial condition of the town. We have had all bills against the town presented and orders drawn for same to April 2, which takes in all the snow bills from Feb. 15, '87, which were quite large, but nothing compared with the great snow storm of last month, which we have placed in our financial report, as there were so many that had come in for payment that we concluded not to be at the expense of printing the same. We have made a contract with Mr. Osro Doolittle for three years for care of Town Poor, including clothing and Dr's bills, for \$2.25 per week. We would say that the expenses of poor could be greatly lessened by having a farm for their support as it would take off most of the outside poor. We have also placed in our report the expenses of the new road, as well as the land damage for same. We made out to have it completed in time voted by the town although put to some trouble by one of the so called advocates for the road, when petitioned to build same. The town has now to defend an action for damage and trespass which will not be very heavy in expense when the rights of the case are shown up. We should have kept within our appropriations for highways, but owing to the heavy rains last summer the roads and bridges were heavily damaged so that we have used more than was appropriated for same. We have had to put in several new bridges which were unsafe and have replaced a number of plank culverts with stone. We think it would be wise policy for the town to have a road commissioner of good judgment to take the roads in the town and see to the repairs, as by so doing we could have better roads at a less expense. We have also inclosed our valuation for the past year at the request of a large number of tax-payers, as well as our Town Warrant.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of Real Estate,	\$604,954 00
“ Personal Property,	88,158 00
	\$693,112 00

No. acres of land assessed,	19,616
Dwelling houses,	375
Cows,	686
Sheep,	401
Polls,	429

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1887.

Appropriated for Schools,	\$2,200 00
“ Highways,	1,800 00
“ Libraries,	175 00
“ Decoration day,	50 00
“ Contingent,	2,000 00
“ County tax,	1,173 02
“ State tax,	900 00
“ School house repairs,	200 00
“ Carrying scholars,	100 00
“ School supplies,	300 00
“ Repairs of cemeteries,	100 00
“ Bell at Farms,	30 00
“ Overlays,	147 33
	\$9,175 35

TOTAL TAX RAISED.

On Polls,	\$858 00
On Real and Personal property,	8,317 35
	\$9,175 35

GEO. J. BACON,	} Assessors of Northfield.
S. G. WILDES,	
C. A. WARE,	

VALUATION AND TAX.

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Allen, James	2			115	425		\$8 48
Alexander, Geo. F.	2			231	2030		29 13
Aldrich, Charles	2						2 00
Arling, Wright	2			35	240		5 30
Alexander, Geo. A.						340	
Alexander, Elisha	2			210	3040		41 00
Alexander, A. M. D.			1500		3700		62 40
Alexander, Wm. D.	2			356	4110		55 59
Alexander, Chas.	2		1000	115	1750		36 86
Allen, Dwight	2						2 00
Anderson, Chas.	2						2 00
Arling, Chas.	2						2 00
Aldrich, Wm. H.	2						2 00
Aldrich, Frank E.	2						2 00
Allen, Fred Z.	2			1000	7620	105 44	
Adams, Mrs. Gratia					1970	19 70	
Arling, J. A.	2			163	770	13 20	
Atwood, Fred E.	2					2 00	
Aldrich, J. & W.					250	3 00	
Aldrich, James Mrs.				98	550	7 78	
Aldrich, James P.	2					2 00	
Allen, Lydia Mrs.				100	2650	33 00	
Alexander, Elizabeth					500	7 20	
Alexander, Thomas	2					2 00	
Aldrich, Fred	2					2 00	
Aiken, Nelson	2					2 00	
Atwood, Sarah Mrs.				100	870	11 64	
Alexander, Geo. H.	2					2 00	

	P 11 Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Bacon, Geo. J.	2	300		333	1835		31 62
Bain, William	2			153	430		9 00
Balding, Cousins	2			110	230		6 08
Banks, Chas. L.	2			260	1880		27 69
Barber, Azriah	2			190	1000		16 28
Barron, Kate Mrs.					1100		13 20
Battles, I. D.	2		100		450		8 60
Belcher, Jonathan, est.				190	2450		31 68
Belcher, William	2				570		8 84
Bent, William	2			40	560		9 20
Bigelow, Foustine	2						2 00
Bigelow, Willie	2						2 00
Bigelow, Amos	2			185	595		10 98
Bowker, Albert	2						2 00
Belding, E. E.	2		500	493	5570		80 77
Billings, Sarah Mrs.						470	
Blackmer, Chas.	2		1000	175	445		21 44
Blanchard, E. J.	2			30	635		9 98
Brizzee, Wm.	2			50	340		6 68
Brigham, Joseph	2			65	2000		26 78
Brigham, Walter	2			125			3 50
Briggs, Chas.	2				165		3 98
Britton, Chas. P.	2		300	110	705		15 38
Britton, Prentice, est.	2			1075	3245		51 84
Bolton, John	2						2 00
Browning, Geo. W.	2						2 00
Browning, William H.	2			95	1325		19 04
Burrows, William	2			283	1365		21 66
Burton, Joseph	2			30	840		12 44
Burnan, Willie	2						2 00
Burnan, A.	2						2 00
Belding, Hannah						500	
Colwell, R. K.	2			736	3313		50 59
Colwell, Lucinda, wid.					465	500	5 58
Colwell, Otis S.	2				365		6 38
Colwell, Elvira, Mrs.						265	
Colwell, Wm. F.	2			130			3 56

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Callender, J. B.	2			260	3245		44 06
Callender, B. D.	2						2 00
Campbell, James	2			42	940		13 78
Campbell, Jerry	2						2 00
Calleghan, Margaret, Mrs.				122	2015		25 64
Canfield, John	2						2 00
Cassey, John	2						2 00
Caughlin, Terrance	2				225		4 70
Caughlin, Patrick	2				190		4 28
Chapin, Myron	2			240	1375		21 38
Clark, Joseph	2			240	1373		21 38
Clark, Merton,	2			30			2 36
Clough, Geo. R.	2			150			3 80
Clough, Nathan	2			25			2 30
Clough, Fred R.	2			462			7 54
2d. Cong. Society					2500		27 60
Collier, Ansel	2			195	845		14 48
Collier, Melvin J.	2			100			3 20
Collier, Gardner M.	2				200		5 24
Collier, Sumner	2			30	275		5 66
Collier, Geo. E.	2			30	400		7 16
Colton, E. W.	2			114	2710		35 86
Colton, Syntha, Mrs.				30	2735		33 18
Cosgrove, Michael	2			62	580		9 70
Cowles, James W.	2			691	6800		91 89
Coy, Ira, Capt.						500	
Crane, Walter D.	2			132			3 69
Crane, Ella, Mrs.					740		8 88
Crelan, John	2			480			7 76
Crelan, Timothy	2				225		4 70
Chamberlin, Herbert	2			250			5 00
Crowell, Hiland	2	1000		325	1300		33 50
Cummings, James	2			30	515		8 54
Cutting, Pliny	2						2 00
Campbell, Benjamin	2				275		5 30
Conner, Dennis	2						2 00
Clark, Soloman	2						2 00
Curtis, Willie	2						2 00

	Full Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Colwell, Willie D.	2						2 00
Dale, David, Estate					1080		12 96
Dale, David, 2nd	2			30	295		5 90
Dale, John	2			151	1110		17 13
Dale, John, Jr.	2						2 00
Dale, John, Jr.	2						2 00
Dale, Wm.	2						2 00
Dale, Patrick, estate,				30	520		7 17
Dalton, Patrick	2			200	735		13 22
Dalton, John	2			30	490		8 24
Darling, Wm. E.	2			75	630		10 46
Darling, Moody	2				1000		14 00
Davis, Orlando	2			75	474		7 64
Davis, Fred L.	2			98			3 17
Davis, Benjamin	2						2 00
Dickinson, Martin	2						2 00
Dickinson, Darius	2			103	565		9 02
Dickinson, Electia Mrs.				135	2495		31 36
Dickinson, Williams	2			90	1470		20 72
Dickinson, Roswell E.	2			523	3470		49 92
Doolittle, F. V.	2			240	1050		17 48
Doolittle, Osro H.	2			130	360		7 88
Doolittle, Wm. H.	2			220	670		12 68
Dresser, James A.	2			60			2 72
Dresser, James Mrs.					610		7 32
Dresser, Henry A.	2			150			3 80
Driscoll, John	2						2 00
Driscoll, Edward	2						2 00
Driscoll, Dennis	2			42	485		8 32
Dutton, Mary T. & M. A.				150 100	2080		27 96
Davis, Milton	2						2 00
Duncan, C. C. Capt.	2			50			2 60
Davis, Lydia, Estate					500		6 00
Day, Marshall H.	2			517	620		13 37
Dale, David	2						2 00

	Foll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Elmer, Amos D.	2			130	1060		16 28
Elmer, Amos, widow						25	
Elmore, Eliphus						75	
Evans, J. H.	2						2 00
Evans, Roselle	2			85	730		11 68
Estabrooks, Forest	2						2 00
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Farnsworth, Frank	2			237	440		11 12
Field, Harvey Mrs.				185	1250		17 22
Field, Thomas J.	2			1074	12960		170 40
Field, Hollis	2						2 00
Field, Geo. P.	2			30			2 36
Field, Geo. P. Mrs.					2625		31 50
Field, Franklin	2				3050		38 60
Field, Mary & Frances					720	1000	8 64
Field, Otis E.	2			186	400		8 83
Fellows, Wm. C.	2			36	840		12 51
Fowler, Lewis	2			50			2 60
Field, Horace F.	2			190	2190		30 56
Field, Simeon, est.					1300		15 60
Field, Sylvanus "			300		1435		20 82
Field, Ansel	2			777			11 32
Field, Timothy			600		1895		31 94
First Parish Society,					1140		13 68
Fisher, Larkin	2						2 00
Fisher, Simon	2			377	1917		29 52
Fisher, Rodney C.	2			315	2400		34 58
Fisher, Geo. R.	2			130	1350		19 76
Fisher, Frank	2			70	1580		21 80
Foreman, Wright	2			55	240		5 54
Fisher, Andrew	2			40			2 48
Fisher, Charles A.	2						2 00
Field, William Mrs.				155	1285		17 28
Farnsworth, Albert	2						2 00
Green, Chas. H.	2			1245	5150		78 74
Gage, Anson	2			230	2075		29 66
Gage, Almira						265	

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Grace, John	2						2 00
Grace, Thomas	2			48	325		6 48
Gilbert, Lyman	2			328	1940		29 22
Greenleaf, Otis T.	2			230	1870		27 20
Graves, Edwin E.	2				700		10 40
Greenwood, James	2						2 00
Greenleaf, A. G.	2						2 00
Howard, Fayette	2	200					4 40
Hale, A. G.	2			337	2540		36 52
Hale, Lester	2			80			2 96
Hall, Martha, Miss					1280		15 36
Holton, Alexander	2			90	525		9 38
Holton, Frank B.	2						2 00
Holton, Abbie, wid.				276	3780		48 67
Holton, Arnold	2			80			2 96
Holton, Samuel C.	2			105	515		9 44
Holton, Wm.	2			305	1665		25 64
Holton, Rufus	2			50			2 60
Holton, E. L.	2			110	978		15 06
Holton, Henry						300	
Holton, Henry C.	2				25		2 30
Holton, Cyrus	2			748	4045		59 52
Holton, Roswell	2			1018	3257		53 30
Holton, Clifford	2						2 00
Holton, Charles, est.						1533	
Holton, Lucretia & F.						500	
Holton, Geo. E.	2			30	1275		17 66
Holton, Geo. Mrs.					3140		37 68
Holton, Horace	2						2 00
Holton, Arthur C.	2						2 00
Holton, Estella, Mrs.				105	2000		25 26
Holton, Lottia, Miss						300	
Holton, Haskel	2				200		4 40
Herbert, Wm.	2						2 00
Hammond, Lincoln	2			194	1250		19 23
Hammond, Henry	2			85			3 02
Harris, Israel	2			365	1315		22 16
Harness, Frank	2			67	460		8 32

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Hart, Henry T.	2			30	200		4 76
Hilliard, Cornelius	2			103	1160		17 16
Hilliard, Gilbert G.	2			489	2060		32 59
Hilliard, Freeman	2						2 00
Hilliard, Nelson	2			422	2450		36 46
Holden, Sheppard	2			30	475		8 06
Holland, Justin A.	2			280	855		13 05
Holland, Elbert J.	2			160	540		10 40
Holton, Cyrus Mrs.					2000		24 00
Holton, Samuel, wid.						185	
Howard, Eliz., est.					1605		19 26
Howard, Charles	2						2 00
Howard, George H.	2			150			3 80
Howe, David	2			100			3 20
Howe, Harry	2			542	3320		48 34
Hutchings, Geo. D.	2			350			6 20
Humphrey, John	2						2 00
Jones, T. Charles	2			18	720		10 86
Joyce, Morris	2			148	955		15 24
Johnson, Addison,	2						2 00
Johnson, Samuel						380	
Johnson, H. H.	2			60	960		14 24
Jackson, Arthur	2						2 00
Kenney, Geo. B.	2				345		6 14
Keett, Stephen	2			128	930		14 70
Keett, Charles	2						2 00
Kingsley, Dwight	2						2 00
Kingsley, Mary, Mrs.				130	1800		29 46
Knights, Wm. O. Mrs.				275	1700		23 70
Leach, Adnoriam	2						2 00
Leach, Osgood,	2			85			3 02
Long, A. A.	2			170	2905		38 90
Long, D. T.	2			147	2270		31 00
Long, Russell	2			368			6 42
Long, Geo. A.	2			200	880		14 96

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Lyman, Edwin	2			287			5 44
Lyman, Henry	2						2 00
Lyman, Hollis	[2						2 00
Lyman, Melinda, wid.				62	365	500	5 12
Lyman, Elias	2			90	1680		23 24
Lyman, Everett D.	2						2 00
Lyman, Elijah Mrs.					2050		24 60
Lyman, Simeon Mrs.					2930		35 16
Lyman, Joseph	2			30	630		9 92
Lyman, Jonathan	2			305	6725		86 30
Lyman, Alfred J.	2			332	2665		37 96
Lyman Brothers	4	250		100	1400		25 00
Lyman, Gilbert	2						2 00
Lyman, A. R.	2			550	4975		68 30
Lyman, Gad						290	
Lyman, Elliott	2		250	333	2075		33 90
Lamson, William	2						2 00
Lamson, Frank	2						2 00
Label, Joseph	2			120	350		7 64
Lindsley, C. A. Mrs.				275	5150		65 10
Lindsley, C. A.	2			250			5 00
Lyons, S. R. D. Mrs.						250	
Mack, Chas.	2				90		3 08
Mann, J. W.	2			527	3515		50 50
Mann, Warren, est.				177	1205		16 58
Marsh, Susan widow						360	
Marsh, Zebina						75	
Mason, H. H.	2			130	1380		20 12
Mattoon, J. L.	2			509	5915		79 09
Mattoon, Tho. B.	2			120			3 44
Mattoon, John	2			100	3475		44 90
Moody, Clarence	2						2 00
Mattoon, Chas W.	2				425		7 10
Mattoon, O. S.	2			30	3930		49 52
Mattoon, Isaac	2			198	1485		22 20
Mattoon, Emeline, wid.						375	
Mattoon, Mrs. Sam'l & Ir.						650	
Maynard, Caleb	2					50	

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Maynard, Joshua	2			232	1280		20 14
McHugh, Peter	2			198			4 38
McHugh, Thomas	2						2 00
Mead, Frances Mrs.					450	500	5 40
Miller, Emolous	2			135			3 62
Miller, Leandus	2			141	825		13 59
Miller, Marsellus	2			100	2570		34 64
Murphy, Owen	2						2 00
Merriman, W. W.	2			736	1985		34 65
Merriam, J. & Son	4			319	3905		54 69
Metcalf, Thomas	2			656	4150		59 67
Minot, Rufus H.	2			248	5460		70 50
Montague, H. W.	2			483	3350		48 00
Morgan, W. L.	2			18	505		8 28
Moody, Medad	2			120	1680		23 60
Moody, C. P.	2			120			3 44
Moody, C. P. Mrs.					890		10 68
Moore, Harrison						390	
Moore, Merrell T.	2			113	975		15 06
Moore, Wm.	2	500		225			10 70
Murphy, John	2				600		9 20
Morgan, Appoles	2				3535		44 42
Morgan, John A.	2			257	1890		27 76
Morgan, Jos. D. W.	2			170	700		12 44
Morgan, Fred	2			268	1020		17 46
Morgan, Mary, wid.						195	
Morgan, Nancy, wid.						340	
Morrison, Benjamin	2			98			3 18
Moulton, Chas. A.	2	250		240	1750		28 88
Murdock, Isaac	2			466	1250		22 59
Murdock, Edward E.	2						2 00
Murdock, Geo. E.	2			88	150		4 86
Mixter, Rufus S.	2				1100		15 20
Merrell, Chas.	2	700		50			11 00
Marrin, Byron	2						2 00
Moody, Geo. F.	2			998	3645		57 56
Moody, Geo. F. Mrs.					150		1 80
Moody, Ambert	2						2 00

	Foll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Moody, Edwin	2			383	2135		32 20
Moody, Betsey, Mrs.					1615		19 38
Moody, D. L.	2			1855	5650		92 06
Marshal, H. N. F.	2			2385	13275		189 82
Malley, Michael	2			60	200		5 12
Northfield Creamery				200	1600		21 60
Nash, Judah	2			435	3415		48 20
Nash, E. C.	2			247	1525		23 26
Newton, James	2			130			3 56
Nye, John	2						2 00
Nye, Fred	2						2 00
Nye, Henry	2						2 00
Nye, Landman	2			215	1615		23 84
Noyes, George	2						2 00
O'Keefe, Cornelius	2			30	515		8 54
O'Keefe, Daniel	2				350		6 20
O'Keefe, Edmund	2			30			2 36
Osgood, Chas.	2				2150		27 80
Osgood, Warren	2			340	1135		19 94
Page, Liberty	2			125	2590		34 58
Parker, Henry B.	2			166	1250		18 99
Parker, Henry, Mrs.					180		2 16
Parker, Chas.	2						2 00
Piper, Geo. W.	2						2 00
Piper, Albert	2						2 00
Piper, William	2						2 00
Piper, F. W.	2			210	830		12 74
Phillips, Rufus	2			87	550		9 64
Pickett Brothers	4			250	1070		19 84
Phelps, Wm. H.	2			229	3555		47 41
Pierce, Joseph	2			110	470		8 96
Pierce, W. W.	2			140	300		7 28
Pigot, Michael	2			102	765		12 41
Pigot, Patrick	2			40	685		10 70
Pomeroy, Laura, Miss						430	
Pomeroy, Mary, Miss						430	

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Pomeroy, -Chas. R.	2			175	2250		31 10
Pomeroy, Chas.	2			907	5002		72 90
Pomeroy, Chas. Trus.					1840		22 08
Porter, Isreal						500	
Pratt, Samuel G.	2			203	1045		16 98
Pratt, Wm. B.	2			80	415		7 94
Preston, Jonathan L.	2			517	1870		30 64
Preston, P. W.	2						2 00
Preston, D. L.	2						2 00
Preston, John A.	2						2 00
Pratt, Edward	2			60			2 72
Purple, Georgia & L.				358	5060		65 02
Parsons, Herbert C.	2						2 00
Parsons, A. C.	2			300	4365		57 98
Parsons & Stearns			3000	150			37 80
Phillips, A. J.	2			135			3 62
Perry, Earnest	2						2 00
Quinlin, Thomas	2			573	2745		41 82
Randal, Joel	2			140	2015		27 86
Randal, Clarence	2						2 00
Reed, W. C.	2			105	690		11 54
Reed, Wm.	2				335		6 02
Richards, Elvira					550		6 60
Robbins, J. H.	2			72	650		10 66
Robbins, Herbert	2						2 00
Robbins, Chas. L.	2			363			6 36
Ross, Peter	2			30	400		7 16
Ross, Wm.	2			125			3 50
Ross, John	2						2 00
Rugg, Edward	2			155			3 86
Ruggies, Samuel	2			170	990		15 92
Russell, Edmund	2						2 00
Reed, Henry	2				400		6 80
Reed, Geo. H.	2			105	500		9 26
Resinecius, Geo. F.	2						2 00
Sawyer, S. K.	2			85	175		5 12

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Severance, Harry	2			253	1530		23 40
Severance, Nelson	2				2155		27 86
Sheapardson, A. W.	2			55	385		7 28
Sheapardson, C. W.	2			105	2120		28 70
Slate, Oscar	2			30			2 36
Stearns, Chas. C.	2			75			2 90
Stearns, Chas. H.	2			96	2935		38 37
Stearns, A. D.	2				1920		25 04
Stearns, A. D. Mrs.					653		7 84
Stearns, Geo. A.	2			295	100		6 74
Stearns, Fred	2						2 00
Simonds, Dwight Mrs.				30	1190		14 64
Simonds, Fred H.	2			306	1575		24 57
Smith, Lyman S.	2			80			2 96
Smith, John D.	2				970		13 64
Smith, Leonard	2			505	2250		35 06
Smith, Lafayette	2			217			4 60
Smith, Lafayette Mrs.					1250		15 00
Smith, Edward	2			60			2 72
Smith, Elisha A.	2			115	485		9 20
Smith, Hugh,	2			70			2 84
Smith, Herbert	2						2 00
Smith, Frank A.	2			210	1460		22 04
Stebbins, Clark	2						2 00
Stebbins, Geo. R.	2			205			4 40
Stebbins, Eva Miss					40	500	48
Stebbins, Chas. M.	2						2 00
Stebbins, Dwight Mrs.				68		500	81
Stebbins, Henry P.	2			135	515		9 80
Stevens, Austin N.	2			60	200		5 10
Stevens, Geo. A.	2			117	460		8 92
Stickney, Samuel	2			172	2260		31 18
Stimpson, Jonathan	2			30	410		7 28
Stimpson, Chas.	2						2 00

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Stimpson, Henry	2			206			4 47
Stimpson, Perley	2						2 00
Stimpson, Henry Mrs.					345		4 14
Stimpson, Lucius	2			90	220		5 72
Stimpson, Lucian	2						2 00
Stratton, Albert S.	2			225	4390		57 38
Stratton, A. Preston				199	2180		28 55
Stratton, Wright	2			335	2560		36 74
Stratton, & Webster,					1250		15 00
Stratton, Roswell	2			70	270		6 08
Stratton, Henry	2				290		5 48
Stratton, Elisha	2			348	3455		47 64
Stratton, Wm.	2			261	3405		45 99
Stratton, Sumner	2			534	2265		35 71
Stockbridge, F. J.	2			183	2280		31 56
Stearns, Marshall	2						2 00
Streeter, B. F.	2			472	2890		42 34
Sykes, Mrs.						130	
Slate, Samuel					450	500	5 40
Slate, Samuel N.	2			30			2 36
Sankey, Ira D.				600	4800		64 80
Sargent, H. J.	2			176	1085		17 13
Stevens, Frank	2						2 00
Severance, Edward	2						2 00
Simons, Ralph	2				635		9 62
Thomas, Fred A.	2				400		6 80
Thomas, John A.	2						2 00
Thine, Jerry	2			80			2 96
Toomey, John	2						2 00
Turner, F. H.	2			130			3 56
Turner, Fred H.	2			80	450		8 36
Turner, A. D. estate					280		3 36
Titus, Sumner	2			317	2875		40 30
Tuffts, Warren	2						2 00
Voice, John	2			200			4 40
Victor, Arden	2						2 00
Wilson, Fred	2						2 00
Wilson, Rodney	2			980	3825		59 66
Wright, Willie	2						2 00
Wright, Martha Wid.					90	500	1 08
Wright, F. H.	2			520	4590		63 62

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Wright, Phineas	2						2 00
Wright, W. J.	2			423	3145		44 82
Wright, Henry	2		1200	348	5370		85 02
Wright, Henry 2nd.	2			125	1450		20 90
Wright, Mary Mrs.					415		4 89
Wall, James	2			60			2 72
Ward, Henry	2			117	1610		22 72
Ward, R. C.	2			120	2400		32 24
Webster, L. T.	2	3000		493	4274		95 21
Webster, F. A.	2			160	2295		31 46
Webster, Willie E.	2						2 00
Webster, Chas. H.	2						2 00
Webster, Chas. E.	2			348	2925		41 27
Webster, H. W.	2	500		725	3875		63 20
Wells, H. E.	2						2 00
Weeks, Malon	2						2 00
Weeks, John, Mrs.	2						2 50
Wildes, Stephen G.	2			175	3095		41 24
Witt, Geo. F.	2			130			3 56
Wiley, Nelson C.	2						2 00
Worden, E. A.	2						2 00
White, S. A.	2			150			3 80
Wilder, Albert	2			50			2 60
Woodard, Francis	2						2 00
Woodard, Joseph	2						2 00
Whitacker, Clinton	2						2 00
Whitacker, Chas. A.	2						2 00
Whitacker, Albert	2			315	2455		35 24
Whitacker, Wm.	2			283	2210		31 35
Whitaker, Amos	2			245	1320		21 29
Wood, Oscar	2				1150		15 80
Wood, Frank	2			408	1870		29 34
Weatherhead, S. W.	2			75	545		9 44
Whithead, Frank	2			75	680		11 06
Wentworth, John	2			284	1775		26 71
Wentworth, Geo. P.	2						2 00
Williams, Ira S.	2						2 00
Ware, C. A.	2			762	4740		68 02
Ware, Addison	2				875		12 50
Wheelock, Wm.	2			38			2 46
Wells, Moses	2			250	2500		35 00
Warden, Chas. H.	2			310	1160		19 64

NON-RESIDENTS.

	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Alexander, Henry Mrs.		1250		15 00
Aldrich, Samuel		35		42
Allen Brothers		650		7 80
Ball, A. W.,		120		1 44
Phebe, Bartholemew		400		4 80
Barber, Geo.		510		6 12
Bemis, Geo. F.,		1900		22 80
Bent, Jonah, estate,		365		4 38
Brown, L. "		380		4 56
" L. W.		210		2 52
Burrows, Geo.		1100		13 20
" H. Mrs.		120		1 44
" Nelson		550		6 60
" Baxter		85		1 02
Buss, J. W.		200		2 40
Bruce, Chas. E.	140	1050		14 28
Ct. V. R. R.		650		7 80
C. R. R.		1250		15 00
Pemeroy Fund,		1100		13 20
First Parish,			8600	
Trinitarian Parish,			4500	
Catholic Parish,			5500	
Young Ladies' Seminary,			182,250	
Cushman, L.,		275		3 30
Dickinson, E.,	373	770		13 72
Delvey, Geo.		250		3 00
" C. heirs,		150		1 80
Doolittle, H. "		175		2 10
" Geo. Mrs.		250		3 20
Barrett, John A.	284	675		11 51
Fisher, John A.		190		2 28
Gaines, Benjamin		80		96
Goodnow, O.,		120		1 44
Gould, G. F.		170		2 04
Grant, H. P.		1950		23 40
Hayden, E.		2 00		2 40
Hale, S. P.		300		3 60
" J. P.		60		72
" H.		500		6 00

	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Holton, Fanny Mrs.		500		6 00
“ D.		510		6 12
“ J. P.		520		6 24
Gates, Edson		500		6 00
Houghton, S.		300		3 60
Howe, A.		100		1 20
Johnson, D.		925		11 10
Knowlton, J.		65		78
Jennings, W.		800		9 60
Mattoon, Geo. P.		2175		26 10
Merriman, C.		1420		17 04
Merriman, Lois, Mrs.		1650		19 80
Merriman, Etta and Sarah		336		4 03
Miller, S.		725		8 70
Moody, M.		350		4 20
Moore, W. J.		100		1 20
Morse, John		155		1 86
“ F. S.		200		2 40
Moulton, A. G.		175		2 10
“ E.		2130		25 56
Newton, James		85		1 02
Newton, Edward		630		7 56
Breen, Wm.		2005		24 06
Scott, M.		300		3 60
Pierce, Chas.		120		1 44
Priest, Wm.		550		6 60
Reynolds, H. D.		650		7 80
Priest, D. L.		1820		21 84
Ripley & Hawkins,		570		6 84
Pratt, Henry		225		2 70
Rugg, Chas.		2000		24 00
Pentecost, Geo.	400	4725		62 50
Prindle, James	405	6140		78 54
Richardson, H.	587	5700		75 44
Ryther, Wm. Mrs.		425		5 10
Sawyer, B.		200		2 40
Severance, Chas.		300		3 60
Snow, B.		100		1 20

	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Severance, D.		125		1 50
Sturges, Kate Mrs,		200		4 20
Stockwell, F.		50		60
Stockwell, L.		220		2 64
Simonds, H.		100		1 20
Whitney, F.		600		7 20
Smith, M.		480		5 76
Stratton, M. D.		2425		29 10
Stone, J. E.		350		4 20
Stoughton, A.		380		4 56
Sprague, L.		120		1 44
Stebbins, M.		50		60
Gorley, C. P.	92	1705		21 56
Titus, Sumner		205		2 46
Kernan, Mary		475		5 70
Williams, M. Estate,		400		4 80
Williams, J. A. & C. A.		200		2 40
Young, Z.		3390		40 68
Newton, M.		800		9 60
Wanamaker.		1100		13 20
Walker, S. Y.		200		2 40
Burrows, A.		1050		12 60
Bangs, John	80	650		8 76
Westein, Mary Mrs.		2650		31 80
Lee, Wm.		1700		20 40
Barry, James		690		8 04
Wood, Lydia		600		7 20
Howes, A. C.		200		2 40
Ross Brothers,		250		3 00
Revelle, F.		2450		29 40
Caldwell, John	85	445		5 34
Belding, F. E.	352	2800		33 60
Dickinson, A.		2850		34 20
Gunn, Geo. A.		1600		19 20
Holden, Frank		1650		19 80
Barber, Edward		300		3 60
Colton, A.		200		2 40
Wood, J. D.		700		8 40

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

From Feb. 15, 1887, to March 31, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1887, .	\$1,371 83
Rec'd. of Coll. Tax, 1885,	78 68
“ “ 1886,	1100 67
“ “ 1887,	8197 25
“ State Treas. Corporation Tax,	1275 78
“ “ National Bank Tax,	305 66
“ “ State and Military aid,	84 00
“ “ Support of State Paupers,	28 75
“ “ State School Fund,	217 94
“ Loan at Greenfield Savings Bank,	1800 00
“ From Town of Clinton,	209 56
“ Sale of School House,	125 00
“ County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	92 65
“ On account of Mary Pierson,	83 94
“ Interest on Literary Fund,	44 00
“ Rent of Town Hall,	41 50
“ Rent of Hall at Farms,	27 00
“ E. W. Bancroft estate,	7 25
“ From sale of book case,	3 00
“ From sale of School books,	2 04
“ From sale of ashes at Northfield Farms,	2 20
“ Henry Wright, error in settlement,	10 00
“ Town of Erving, tuition,	7 50
“ Tuition of Florence Gove,	2 00
“ Auctioneer's licenses,	4 00
“ From C. T. Bagnall, overpaid,	1 50
Due Treasurer, overpaid,	8 41
	\$15,132 11

EXPENDITURES.

To cash paid on outstanding orders,	\$25 90
on Selectmen orders,	12770 84
County tax,	1173 02
State tax,	900 00
State and Military aid,	116 00
Interest at Greenfield Savings bank,	72 00
Interest on Henry Wright note,	60 00
Interest on temporary loans,	14 35
	\$15132 11

Northfield, April 2, 1888.

We have this day examined the accounts of Elias Lyman, Treasurer of Northfield, and find the same correct and properly vouched for.

L. T. WEBSTER, }
H. C. PARSONS, } Auditors.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.**EXPENDITURES, 1887-88.***School No. 1.*

Lyman Bros., supplies,	\$1 00
Frank N. Lyman, care of school house,	2 00
Mrs. Ross, cleaning,	2 50
Fred Wright, care of school house,	3 50
Thomas Quinlan, wood,	6 75
Maurice Joyce, work on grounds,	2 00
R. Holton, coal,	49 29
Geo. A. Stearns, slabs,	2 50
Maurice Joyce, cleaning, etc.,	5 00
Chas. Slate, care of house,	8 00
Chas. Slate, care of house,	13 00
M. Pigott, drawing coal,	4 00
Willie Long, care of house,	5 00
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	4 40
Emma Rhoad, teaching 3 terms,	263 50
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching 3 terms,	263 50

 \$635 94
School No. 2.

Chas. Britton, wood,	18 00
Mrs. Shivers, cleaning,	3 00
Leon Alexander, care of house,	7 75
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	1 81
Genevieve Sikes, teaching 3 terms,	237 50

 \$268 06
School No. 3.

Ansel Field, 4 cords of wood,	18 00
Chas. Parker, care of house,	2 75
Burton Ware, care of house,	2 00
M. Cosgrove, care of house,	3 00
M. Cosgrove, cleaning,	3 00
Merrill T. Moore, cleaning and repairs,	1 61
Sundry supplies,	85
Mabel Stacy, teaching 2 terms,	157 50
C. Belle Eastman, teaching 1 term,	75 00

 \$263 71

School No. 4.

Lyman Bro. supplies,	15
Parsons & Stearns,	67
J. L. Hammond, 4 cords wood,	13 00
J. D. Smith, sawing wood,	5 00
Callie M. Barrett, care house,	5 25
Willie J. Barrett, care house,	5 00
C. A. Moulton, wood,	5 50
Piling wood,	25
Mrs. Barrett, cleaning,	2 75
Irene L. Mattoon, teaching 3 terms,	232 50
	\$270 07

School No. 5.

Mrs. Wm. Merriman, cleaning,	2 00
Lena Rankin, teaching and care of house,	175 70
	\$177 70

School No. 6.

H. Robbins, cleaning,	2 00
L. Stimson, cleaning,	2 50
O. Greenleaf, wood,	1 50
Merrill Moore, wood,	5 00
Ida Dresser, care of house,	2 50
May E. Hart, care of house,	2 50
Bertha Murdock, care of house,	1 50
Sundry supplies,	35
Mary E. Hart, teaching 3 terms,	150 00
	\$167 85

School No. 7.

Henry W. Howe, cleaning,	2 00
Edgar Aldrich, care of house,	2 75
Ella Parker, care of house,	2 75
L. W. Brown, wood,	13 42
Town of Bernardston, tuition,	6 00
Ella N. Parker, teaching 3 terms,	235 00
	\$261 92

School No. 9.

J. H. Robbins, cleaning and repairs,	3 50
Geo. A. Stearns, 4 cords of wood,	14 00
F. V. Doolittle, wood,	2 25
Gus Baldwin, sawing wood,	2 60
Chas. Hart, care of house,	2 90
Fred Holton, " "	3 85
Sundry supplies,	18
Merrill T. Moore, cleaning and repairs,	2 00
Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching 3 terms,	235 25
	\$266 53

SUMMARY.

Schools.	Teaching.	Care of House.	Fuel.	Cleaning.	Sundries.	Totals.
1.	\$527 00	\$31 50	\$62 54	\$7 50	\$7 40	\$635 94
2.	237 50	7 75	18 00	3 00	1 81	268 06
3.	232 50	7 75	18 00	4 61	85	263 71
4.	232 50	10 25	23 75	2 75	82	270 07
5.	175 70			2 00		177 70
6.	150 00	6 50	6 50	4 50	35	167 85
7.	235 00	5 50	13 42	2 00	6 00	261 92
9.	235 25	6 75	18 85	5 50	18	266 53
	\$2025 45	\$76 00	\$161 06	\$31 86	\$17 41	\$2311 78

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Boston School Supply Co.,	165 39
The Solon Bryant Co.,	12 97
Winkley, Dresser & Co.,	4 38
Cowperthwait & Co.,	14 30
Harper & Brothers,	8 41
William Ware & Co.,	24 12
Lee & Shepard,	57
H. C. Parsons, bills of supplies,	16 01
W. S. Warnock, printing,	3 25
Hildreth & Fales, “	1 50
Stationery and Postage,	1 70
Parsons & Stearns, sundry supplies,	4 80
Freight and express charges, etc.,	5 59
	\$262 99

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Sale of books,	5 70
	257 29

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

School 1. H. C. Parsons, bill of settees and materials,	\$12 33
Fred G. Stearns, labor,	2 25
W. M. Moore, labor and materials,	26 06
Thomas Alexander, labor,	2 50
A. D. Stearns, repairing blinds,	2 50
Chas. Stratton, pump and well,	1 75
	\$47 39

School 2. Hugh Smith, labor,	1 40	
Sundry expenses,	69	
		\$2 09
School 3. School Furniture Co.	100 00	
W. M. Moore, placing seats,	5 50	
		\$105 50
School 4. Parsons & Stearns, hardware, etc.,	2 66	
F. W. Piper, painting blinds,	8 00	
L. T. Hastings, work on grounds,	4 00	
Sundries,	36	
Thomas Alexander, labor,	10 08	
		\$25 10
School 5. Wm. W. Merriman, labor,	2 11	
		\$2 11
School 6. Lucius Stimson, labor,	1 00	
		\$1 00
School 7. Parsons and Stearns, paper, etc.,	2 15	
Frank W. Piper, labor,	3 00	
		\$5 15
School 9. W. C. Reed, labor, (Nos. 3 and 9,)	6 95	
M. T. Moore, labor, (Nos. 9, 3 and 6,)	2 00	
Sundries,	22	
		\$9 17
		\$197 51

CARRYING SCHOLARS.

Paid Mrs. Dresser, 3 terms,	\$46 00
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EXPENDITURE ON PREVIOUS YEARS' ACCOUNT.

Mary and Maggie Grace, care of school house No. 1,	6 00
Lawrence Quinlan, care of school house No. 1,	9 00
Peter Dyer, care of school house No. 4,	4 80
Parsons & Stearns, 2 brooms,	50
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching grammar school, Winter term 1886-87,	102 00
Town of Bernardson, tuition 1886-87,	16 00
Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching No. 9, winter term 1886-87,	90 00
Hattie Haven, teaching No. 3, winter term 1886-87,	90 00
Care of school house,	3 60
Emma Rhoad, teaching Primary school winter term 1886 87,	102 00
Lyman Bros., stove for school No. 4,	13 65
Fred Holton, care school house No. 9,	4 35
L. T. & C. H. Webster, care of school books 1886-87,	6 00
Gertrude M. Starkweather, teaching No. 4, winter term 1886-87,	96 00
Joseph Williams, wood, 1884,	3 00
J. L. May, repairs No. 4, 1886,	2 88
	\$549 78

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES 1887-88.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations—

In general,	\$2200 00
For repairs,	200 00
Books and supplies,	300 00
Carrying scholars,	100 00
Dog fund,	92 65
School fund,	217 94
Tuitions,	9 50
Literary fund,	44 00
Sale of ashes,	2 20
	\$3166 29

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

Support of schools,	2305 78	
Tuition in Bernardston,	6 00	
Repairs,	197 51	
Books and supplies,	257 29	
Carrying scholars,	46 00	
		\$2812 58
Receipts in excess of the year's expenses,		\$353 71
Expended on account of previous years,		\$549 78
Excess of total expenditure above total receipts,		\$196 07

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Expended under charge of the school committee.

Furnace School No. 1, R. M. Starbuck & Co.,	\$165 00
Chas. Stratton, removing furnace,	1 15
Chauncey Reed, mason work,	4 00
Chas. Stratton, tending mason,	75
Medad Moody, setting ventilators, etc.,	2 09
Thos. Alexander, carpenter's work,	4 82
	\$177 81
Appropriation,	\$200 00
New bell, school No. 4, C. H. Meneely Bell Co.,	
bell in exchange,	\$24 10
Thos. Alexander, hanging bell,	1 25
	\$25 35
Appropriation,	30 00

SUMMARY.

Selectmen's orders for school purposes,	\$3,567 56
Expenses for the year,	\$2812 58
Expended for previous years,	549 78
Furnace,	177 81
Bell,	25 35
Returned to treasurer, school book acct.,	2 04
	\$3,567 56

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1887-88.

Number of schools supported by town, 9.

Number of different teachers employed, 10.

Number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15 according to census taken in May, 1887, 248.

Number of different pupils in school, 292.

Number of pupils under age of 5 and over 15, 25.

Aggregate number of weeks school has been kept, 268.

Average number of weeks for each school, 29.77.

Aggregate actual attendance in weeks for the town, 5887.

Average actual attendance in weeks for each scholar, 20.12.

Average wages of teachers per month, \$29.62.

Amount appropriated by town for schools, \$2200.

Amount appropriated by town for repairs, \$200.

Amount appropriated by town for text books and supplies \$300.

Amount appropriated for new furnace in No. 1, and bell for No. 4, \$230.

Amount appropriated for conveying scholars, \$100.

Amount thus appropriated per week, \$11.30.

Amount thus appropriated per child, \$12.21.

Average monthly membership.		Average monthly attendance.	
School No. 1. Primary,	32.61.	School No. 1. Primary,	28.99
“ “ 1. Int'mdte.	31.36.	“ “ 1. Int'mdte.	27.94
“ “ 2.	30.93.	“ “ 2.	25.30
“ “ 3.	22.83.	“ “ 3.	20.88
“ “ 4.	22.88.	“ “ 4.	21.68
“ “ 5.	14.50.	“ “ 5.	13.63
“ “ 6.	11.33.	“ “ 6.	11.15
“ “ 7.	28.82.	“ “ 7.	21.97
“ “ 9.	22.71.	“ “ 9.	22.55
Total,		Total,	
	217.97		194.09

In presenting our report of the condition of the public schools to the citizens of the town, we take much pleasure in being able to report a prosperous year, as a good degree of progress has been made in all, and in some the advancement has been rapid and excellent. The schools have been running with but very little friction and, if we clearly understand the situation, with quite a degree of satisfaction. There have been, out of the town's appropriation 31 weeks of school in seven of the nine buildings and, on the mountain Nos. 5 and 6 have had 20 and 25 weeks respectively. School No. 4, located at the South Farms, having funds of its own at disposal, was continued one week longer and school No. 2, through the generosity of Mr. D. L. Moody, who kindly offered to contribute the funds, was continued for four. Eight of the nine schools have been under the management of the same teacher the entire year, and we cannot overlook the fact that these eight have met with a greater degree of both success and satisfaction than the more unfortunate other, which has had two different teachers, and both good ones. It is a well established fact that a fair teacher continued throughout the year can accomplish more and will be apt in the end to benefit pupils quite as much as a succession of extra teachers of perhaps even higher training, and it ought to be remembered—we are sorry to make allusion to this oft repeated charge—that a frequent change of teachers is a most serious drawback to the progress and efficiency of any school; a fair teacher once installed better be retained than run the even risk of securing a better one; nearly every teacher has plans, or should have, that cannot be successfully carried out in one term of a few weeks, and by changing, a new teacher, with different methods, pays but little attention or regard to what has been done, and again it takes nearly one term for a teacher to learn the disposition, character as well as requirements with whom she has to deal and instruct. We have in our judgment been quite fortunate in the selection of our corps

of teachers the past year, having endeavored to select only such as were well recommended and were thought likely to prove to be in every respect industrious as well as qualified to incite the powers and habits of thinking and it might also well be added, that it has been our aim in ministering to your school affairs to keep in mind the public welfare as well as the rights of our citizens who are so largely interested in the trust which the committee have in charge. It is a wish that our labors might be more clearly understood ; that the people with a better knowledge of our doings might be able to judge more fairly, and we might also add, more justly, whether the board had faithfully discharged their work or not. It seems quite needless to dwell at any length upon the vast importance of our public schools, as that would occupy a space which has been gone over so many times by our ablest minds a country affords, and it is impossible that any citizen of intelligence ignores the subject and yet there is existing, in certain quarters, a strange feeling of indifference. In some instances they do not visit the schools ; they do not sympathize with or encourage the teachers ; they are faultfinding in regard to school books and are too apt to form their opinions concerning the qualifications and success of teachers from the quickly uttered opinion of their children alone. Is this the right course to pursue ? We think not. Is it not the parent's duty when a child enters school, to yield him to the authority of the school, expecting him to fulfill the duties imposed upon him and also to be subject to the rewards and punishments ? It is a curious and well noted fact in our experience that those who find the most fault with teachers are quite often parties who take the least pains to ascertain the real condition of things and we might also say never or rarely ever visit a school. To what extent ought such a party to make complaint of either schools or teachers ? More times, we fear, than even the average citizen of our town is aware, is some member of your committee called upon to investigate a complaint of prodigious magnitude, brought by some such party

which turns out to be as empty as any vacuum. That our doings in every case have given perfect satisfaction is too much to expect, and we can only say that we have worked unitedly and harmoniously and with but one purpose in view—to make our schools if not successful, as near so as possible. The attendance of most of the schools has been up to that of average years. The work in Nos. 7, 9 and 3, has been quite badly interrupted with a bad or irregular attendance caused by much sickness and hence unavoidable. We have still reason to believe considerable irregular attendance is caused by indifference on the part of parents. This is evident from the fact that the registers, from the two mountain schools, where scholars have in many instances long distances to travel, make a much better showing in this respect than some others taken from other schools. Parents ought to attach more importance to this great evil of a successful school. Your committee the past year have made a more than usual exertion to overcome this and are pleased to say have met with some degrees of success. The matter concerning truants and absentees from school was brought before the town at the August meeting, a code of by-laws presented which were adopted, but we were afterward refused admission to the Hampden county truant school on the ground that they could accommodate no more. Truant officers were appointed but no cases of truancy are known to your committee, however. We have in addition notified the parents of absentees by printed slips, who were absent three or more sessions without a reasonable excuse. It ought to be remembered by all parents and guardians that the law explicitly states that every parent and guardian shall give his children, at least, twenty weeks of schooling during the year, and that parents who do not conform are liable to the penalty. We, however, trust that no parent will, during the ensuing year, oblige the committee to enforce a law that would be so unpleasant to all, through either indifference or neglect. In visiting schools, it has been a pleasure to note much improvement in teaching as well as in

scholars. Teachers' better knowledge has given in many instances, a better realization of scholars' wants ; better methods of teaching have been suggested, and some have improved from contact with other teachers or from visiting other schools. Some four or five scholars residing in the western part of the town were schooled in Bernardston, the distance to No. 7 being too great. This, however, was done at a very reasonable rate and none were badly inconvenienced. Only one change has been made in text books the past year, and our present books are quite satisfactory, excepting, perhaps, the arithmetics. By an act of the committee last August, the old history was changed for something more attractive, which has given almost universal satisfaction. We feel that our teachers' desks are hardly as well supplied with books of reference as they ought to be, but since the law went into effect requiring towns to furnish text books and supplies, the demand upon us has been almost surprising. We feel the free text book system discourages habits of neatness, when scholars are given soiled and half-worn books, and besides, when scholars owned the books they were at home for study during vacation, but now they cannot be taken home vacations, as it would require a detective of no small calibre to again restore them.

Two hundred dollars was appropriated last year for repairs, which was soon expended in making the repairs we thought needed. The School buildings are most of them in very good repair, though some things need to be done in all. The house in No. 3 was re-seated the past year, taking a large share of our appropriation and making one of the most pleasant rooms in town. An appropriation was made at the last August meeting to provide a new furnace for School building No. 1, which was purchased and put in. A storm door has also been added to this building. Some small repairs were necessary in No. 2, and No. 9 was put in a more attractive condition inside, last spring. The new bell has been purchased for No. 4, and placed in position. This building needs a coat of paint badly,

and will without doubt be attended to the coming season. The building the West side of the river below Stephen G. Wildes' formerly known as District No. 13, has recently been sold by your committee, after being on our hands some two years, for \$125.

We have presented in connection with this report, a summary of statistics in relation to our schools the past year, to which we call your careful attention, as much knowledge concerning our school work is embodied in them. Again we call attention to the fact that our schools in the centre might be much improved by establishing another school; a necessity seemingly exists for a change in the arrangement. There ought to be in justice to our older scholars and all children who attend these schools, a graded school of three departments, viz: primary, intermediate and grammar.

In conclusion we would recommend there be appropriated the ensuing year for schools, \$2,200; for repairs on school buildings, \$200; for books and supplies, \$300; for a conveyance fund to be used at the committee's discretion, \$100.

WARREN J. WRIGHT,	}	School
HERBERT C. PARSONS,		
LEONARD R. SMITH,		Committee.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Number of volumes in library last report,		2864
“ “ Purchased,		20
“ “ Presented,		40
“ “ Omitted in Catalogue,		9
	Total,	2933
“ “ Lost,	1	
“ “ Exchanged,	14	15
	Remaining in library,	2918

Library Committee in Account with the Town of Northfield.

	Dr.
To cash on hand last report,	\$1 43
Appropriation for new books,	100 00
“ “ Librarian and Incidentals,	75 00
Fines received,	8 96
	\$185 39

1887	CR.	
April 10.	By paid express on new books,	80
12.	“ for paper,	4 27
20.	“ “ new books,	70 00
24.	“ “ new books,	10 00
24.	“ postage and money order,	11
Aug. 25.	“ express,	25
Oct. 28.	“ “	25
29.	“ “	25
Nov. 18.	“ for rebinding books,	5 20
1888.		
Mar. 21.	“ for new books,	5 00
31.	“ “ Incidentals,	1 38
Apr. 9.	Cash in hands of committee,	87 88
		\$185 39

The number of volumes circulated the past year, was 4200, and the number of families taking books 162. Owing to the number of transient families who have taken catalogues and availed themselves of the privileges of the library, the number of catalogues has become exhausted. Your committee would recommend the appropriation of a sum sufficient to re-catalogue, this summer. They would also recommend that the Northfield Farms library be made a branch of the village library, so that it may take books, subject to such arrangements as may be agreed upon by the committees. This could be done with no injury to the library, and would enable the Farms' people to receive benefits that distance now prevents. In purchasing books the past year, your committee used the appropriation for new books, in changing the old American Encyclopedias for new ones, at a cost of \$70.00, and buying the Cyclopedia of American Biography, six volumes, \$30.00. Three volumes of this last yet remain to be published. These books have been taken from the library very much of the time, notwithstanding they are not catalogued. The importance of a reading room connected with the library needs no further suggestion from your committee.

R. C. WARD,	}	Library Committee.
W. J. WRIGHT,		
CHAS. C. DUNCAN,		

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned having been chosen by the town at its last annual meeting as auditors to examine and pass upon all accounts against the town and having performed that duty respectfully submit the following report :

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Geo. J. Bacon,	\$153 55
Stephen G. Wildes,	140 00
Clinton A. Ware,	103 25
	396 80

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILLS.

W. J. Wright,	65 75
H. C. Parsons,	73 11
L. R. Smith,	21 50
	\$160 36

AUDITORS' BILLS.

L. T. Webster,	2 00
H. C. Parsons,	2 00
	\$4 00

BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Selectmen,	\$396 80
School committee,	160 36
Auditors,	4 00
	\$561 16

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. T. WEBSTER, }
H. C. PARSONS, } Auditors.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

P. W. Preston, post and railings, old bill, '86,	\$3 75
James Cowles, use of cart in '85,	4 50
Frank Woods, plank for bridges,	17 28
Isaac Mattoon,	13 50
F. W. Piper and others,	22 28
F. V. Doolittle, stone for culvert,	8 00
H. E. Wells,	41 40
Thomas Quinlin,	30 00
Elisha Smith and others,	13 42
Simon Fisher,	17 25
Edwin Lyman and others,	78 70
Sumner L. Gates,	24 00
Lyman Gilbert,	37 50
Amos Whitaker,	12 20
A. A. Long,	74 70
James Wall,	44 00
C. Pomeroy,	28 00
H. W. Webster,	31 50
Clifford Holton,	38 65
Willard Stoddard,	20 25
Fred L. Davis,	22 00
James Campbell,	24 95
Jerry Campbell,	24 40
Elias Lyman,	6 00
Henry Wright,	9 00
O. S. Mattoon,	8 70
Russell Long,	2 00
Joseph Lyman,	1 20
Henry Day,	2 50
Henry Stebbins,	1 50
Ansel Coller, plank,	16 00
John Dale,	4 65
John Dalton,	6 45
Andrew Hale,	2 75
Geo. R. Stebbins,	27
Jerry Twine,	3 00
James Greenwood,	3 00

S. G. Pratt,	1 00
H. F. Field,	3 00
Larkin Fisher,	13 50
L. Hammond,	3 00
M. C. Miller,	3 97
W. Mann,	4 65
L. Thornton,	75
S. Stickney,	6 15
Thos. Metcalf,	3 00
Geo. Browning,	7 50
H. W. Montague,	48 42
Picket Bros.,	16 50
Wm. Burroughs,	19 50
D. O'Keefe,	3 75
J. H. Robbins,	8 85
Joseph Clark,	8 85
Chas. Keett,	2 25
H. Johnson,	10 15
John Crelan,	9 00
Michael Pigot,	3 50
Orlando Davis,	4 35
Wm. Reed,	2 25
Morris Joyce,	17 90
Frank Whithead,	7 35
John Murphy,	5 40
Wright Arling,	8 25
A. W. Shepardson,	2 00
Peter Dyer,	1 95
Rodney Wilson,	2 00
Chas. Britton,	7 80
F. A. Smith,	5 00
L. Stimpson,	45
H. J. Evens,	1 50
J. P. Aldrich,	5 00
Geo. A. Gunn, plank and timber,	46 72
A. Dickinson, " " "	43 59
Thomas Quinlin,	18 00
E. J. Blanchard,	3 00
Geo. A. Long,	6 10

\$1120 15

NEW ROAD.

Paid Rugg & Mason,	\$1,884 00
Land damage,	919 00
Stone posts,	1 00
H. Mason,	9 54
Lyman Barton,	18 00
	\$2,831 54

REPAIRS FROM FRESHETS.

A. A. Long,	Pine Meadow bridge,	\$67 25
A. A. Long,		24 00
Henry Day,	" " "	37 75
M. C. Miller,	" " "	25 65
S. Stickney,		2 40
Thos. Metcalf,	" " "	3 60
H. W. Montague,	" " "	12 00
L. C. Miller,	" " "	17 60
Wm. H. Stratton, timber,	Pine Meadow bridge,	19 12
E. C. Nash,	" " "	8 30
Alfred Lyman,	" " "	8 00
Chas. Moulton,	" " "	34 87
Allen Brothers,	" " "	1 25
Frank Woods and others,		91 04
Isaac Mattoon, and others,		70 11
F. V. Doolittle, stone and work,		57 75
H. E. Wells,		30 80
E. Smith, and others,		39 34
Edwin Lyman, and others,		12 30
L. Gilbert,		10 80
Amos Whitaker,		52 70
H. F. Field,		1 50
Wm. Burroughs,		16 88
J. H. Robbins,		18 90
Chas. Keett,		6 55
Frank Holton,		50
Alex Holton,		5 95
R. Stratton,		1 12
Henry Ward,		1 50
M. Moore,		2 00
G. Collier,		75

Clifford Holton,	41 07
F. W. Piper and others,	48 10
L. Fowler,	2 00
C. Pomeroy,	46 90
John Dale,	2 30
	17 23
James Wall,	42 57
James Campbell,	12 45
Jerry Campbell,	7 50
	75
Morris Joyee,	7 35
Wright Arling,	14 85
Geo. A. Stevens,	4 05
Austin Stevens,	3 00
Geo. A. Gunn, plank and timber,	25 65
James Cowles,	10 00
John Canfield,	5 55
Fred Simons,	1 50
A. R. Lyman,	12 25
Chas. Banks, plank,	5 58
Jerry Twine,	3 00
A. J. Arling,	6 50
Mrs. Simeon Lyman, timber,	1 50
John Grace,	16 20
S. G. Wildes,	11 30
Larkin Fisher,	5 25

AMOUNT PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

H. B. Allen family,	\$17 85
Mrs. Stephen Reagan, family,	71 82
Mrs. Electia Stratton,	56 20
Mrs. John Cutting,	91 00
Mrs. Mary Cook,	84 57
Coleman C. Smith,	224 95
Mary Pierson,	218 75
Kate Hanwell,	218 75
Martha Watson,	67 86
Charles Lord,	78 15
Williard Bancroft,	16 00
Mrs. Sally Elmer,	52 14
Alva Kemplin, family and burial expenses,	92 29
Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe,	59 00
Mrs. Albert Whitaker,	29 50
Mrs. Amy Marsh,	91 32
Mrs. Lucretia Sawyer,	110 40
Mrs. Jerusha Doolittle,	110 40
James Reed,	87 75
John Welch, family,	28 75
Henry Wright, care of poor,	42 85
	\$1850 30

Aid to Mary P. and Fannie Mattoon,	\$310 62
Credit by cash from Clinton,	133 09

Due from town of Clinton, 177 53

Aid for Isaac Appleton, sickness and burial, 21 60

P. S. Friends of Isaac Appleton will pay his bill.

GEO. J. BACON,	} Overseers of Poor,
S. G. WILDES,	
C. A. WARE,	

CONTINGENT.

Henry Wright, 2d, care town hall,	24 00
“ “ “ driving hearse,	34 00
“ “ “ care town clock,	15 00
“ “ “ work in cemetery,	11 00
“ “ “ burial permits,	5 25
A. S. Stratton, work in cemetery,	11 00
Committee expenses on Millers river bridge,	6 25
L. T. and C. H. Webster, bill,	22 76
Elias Lyman, Town clerk and treasurer,	115 06
“ “ Sundry cash items,	22 70
Clifford Holton, repairs on cemetery,	11 83
Myron Marvin, painting fence,	12 87
J. Cummings, painting fence,	87 20
Fred Morgan, repairs in cemetery,	12 60
L. Stimpson, “ “	2 50
H. C. Holton, “ “	1 50
C. A. Ware, sundry cash payments,	1 87
S. G. Wildes, “ “ “	9 62
G. J. Bacon, “ “ “	22 25
G. J. Bacon, services as selectman,	12 50
S. G. Wildes, “ “	12 50
C. A. Ware, “ “	7 50
Town Gill, $\frac{1}{2}$ Morgan ferry, 86-87,	49 12
E. J. Blanchard, water,	3 00
H. B. Parker, “	2 00
H. W. Webster, “	5 00
L. & G. Purple, “	1 50
H. J. Sargent, “	3 00
S. Field, estate, “	5 00
Wright Stratton, abatement taxes, '85,	45 42
Wright Stratton, discount on taxes,	255 70
Wright Stratton, Town officer,	72 68
Wright Stratton, services as collector,	57 45
Wright Stratton, abatement, taxes, '86,	91 14
Chas. Pomeroy, error in tax,	4 32
Dudley Johnson, abatement tax,	3 45
Chas. Pomeroy, “ “	3 95
Mrs. Geo. Field, error in tax,	2 40

Waldo Woodard, error in tax '85,	1 44
Creamery, " "	18 65
A. B. Lyman, " " '86,	2 00
Chas. Pomeroy, services as Justice of Peace, '86,	9 66
H. Mason, repairs, scraper and cemetery,	4 10
S. Weatherhead, " "	3 25
Osro Doolittle, mowing cemetery,	2 00
Sumner Collier, repairs, " "	2 00
A. R. Lyman, services as register,	6 25
E. Lyman,	7 50
C. H. Robbins,	7 50
Cecil T. Bagnall, printing and stationery,	35 00
E. A. Hall, advertising,	1 50
Elias Lyman, error in town order,	36
Ct. R. R., toll,	3 42
Lyman Brothers, town supplies,	3 33
James T. Cummings, expenses by Board of Health,	24 00
James Putman, wood, Town hall,	10 00
Congregational society, abatement tax,	2 40
Chas. Pomeroy, Justice of Peace for '87	12 10
Rodney Wilson, as constable in 1884,	6 00
Joseph Clark, error in tax,	60
Albert D. Stearns, water trough,	7 00
P. W. Preston, breaking plow,	8 00
Decoration day,	50 00
Library,	175 00
Parsons & Stearns, goods,	3 09
Elisha Alexander, work on scraper,	35
James T. Cummings, " " town clock,	8 75
Slate & Dewolf, goods,	4 50
Wright Stratton, taking census,	5 00
W. W. Pierce, tramps,	15 00
Martin Dickinson "	15 90

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Selectmen in account with the Town of Northfield.

To orders drawn since Feb. 15, 1887, Dr. \$13,508 62

By Paid Town officers,	CR.
Schools,	\$401 36
Contingent,	3569 91
Poor,	1523 04
Mrs. Mattoon, for Clinton,	1850 30
Appleton,	310 62
Roads and bridge,	16 00
Freshets,	1074 15
Snow bills,	1036 48
New road,	895 22
	2831 54

\$13,508 62

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

April 1st, 1888.

Due from collector tax of 1886,	\$30 00
From collector tax of 1887,	978 10
From bank,	312 00
Interest on surplus revenue,	60 00
From town of Clinton,	177 53
From Appleton friend,	16 00
	\$1573 63

DUE AS PER AUDITORS' REPORT.

Geo. J. Bacon, Selectman,	\$153 55
S. G. Wildes,	140 00
C. A. Ware,	103 25

W. J. Wright, school committee,	65 75
H. C. Parsons, " "	73 11
L. R. Smith, " "	21 50
L. T. Webster, auditor,	2 00
H. C. Parsons, " "	2 00
Henry Wright, note,	1200 00
Greenfield Savings bank,	3400 00
Outstanding orders,	737 78
Interest on above notes, (about,)	70 00
Amount due the treasurer,	8 41
	\$5977 35
Balance against the town,	\$4403 72

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
 S. G. WILDES, } of
 C. A. WARE, } Northfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR ON THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank January 1st, 1888, \$1105 53

Drawn from the bank and paid as follows, viz :

Widow Abbie Barrett,	5 00
Miss Emma Hilliard,	5 00
Widow Kittie Howard,	10 00
" Reagan,	5 00
" Ellen O'Keefe,	5 00
" Stevens,	5 00
Amount in hands of overseers,	6 62
	\$41 62

Amount in bank, \$1065 53

GEO. J. BACON, } Overseers
 S. G. WILDES, } of
 C. A. WARE, } Poor.



